

January 15, 1975

## Edward M. Blair

Funeral Mass for Edward M. Blair, long time Groton resident, was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Wednesday, Jan. 18, with the Rev. Marvin McPhee officiating. Assisting as altar boys were two great grandsons William Wright and John Peterson.

Pallbearers were all grandsons Thomas Blair Jr., Jerry Osness, James Sanders, William Wright, Allen McKiver and John Peterson.

Interment was at the Andover Catholic cemetery. Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Edward Mathieu Blair was born August 13, 1895 to Thomas Blair and Angie Robinson on a farm homestead near the present town of Stratford. The family later moved to the Groton area where he grew to manhood. In 1914 he was united in marriage to Lucy J. Gorman. To this union six children were born, four of whom survive. They are Mrs. Florine Holtz, Mrs. Lucille Slefkes, Thomas L. Blair and Lyle J. Blair, all of Groton. Also surviving is one brother Judge Frank E. Blair of Virginia City, Mont., and one sister Jennie of Texas, 10 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, two sons, one sister and one grandson.